## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

•

Eiji OHNO et al.

:

Serial No. NEW

Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH

Filed July 25, 2003

Attorney Docket No. 2003\_1029

OPTICAL INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM AND ITS MANUFACTURING METHOD AND APPARATUS (Rule 1.53(b) Divisional of Serial No. 10/446,052, Filed May 28, 2003)

## **CLAIM OF PRIORITY UNDER 35 USC 119**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

Sir:

Applicants in the above-entitled application hereby claim the dates of priority under the International Convention of Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-16733, filed January 26, 2000, as acknowledged in the Declaration of this application.

Certified copies of said Japanese Patent Applications are of record in parent application Serial No. 09/547,879, filed April 12, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

Eiji OHNO et al.

Ву

David M. Ovedovitz Registration No. 45,336

Attorney for Applicants

DMO/jmj Washington, D.C. 20006-1021 Telephone (202) 721-8200 Facsimile (202) 721-8250 July 25, 2003